

## REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Official Action. The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-30 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yanagawa et al. (U.S. 5,535,407) in view of Chen et al. (U.S. 6,195,694).

The specification is objected to because of informalities.

Applicant expresses his appreciation to Examiners John Follansbee and Haresh Patel for the courtesy of an interview that was granted to Applicants' representative, Sanford T. Colb (Reg. No. 26,856). The interview was held in the USPTO on May 6, 2004.

In the interview, 112(2) informality rejections were discussed. The Interview Summary Record states, "The Examiner agreed to withdraw 112(2) rejections in response to Applicant's remarks".

With reference to prior art Figure 1A, the information contained in Figure 1A is not shown in any prior patent or publication. A description of the system may be found in the assignee's website, [www.lipman.co.il](http://www.lipman.co.il).

With reference to the rejection of the claims, Yanawaga et al. describes a data processing system, for locally updating customer data distributed by a host computer to a remote facility and for returning the updated customer data to the host computer. Chen et al. describes a server system for reconfiguring control of a subset of devices on one or more kiosks.

None of the prior art, either alone or in combination, shows or suggests a configuration builder or a configuration building method useful in configuring software-containing hardware units which are serviced by a center which services a multiplicity of similar units, including functionality enabling configuration of at least one hardware unit by a configurer as recited in claims 1, 11 and 21. Additionally, none of the prior art, either alone or in combination, shows or suggests the configuration builder including functionality operative automatically in response to configuration of the at least one software containing hardware unit for correspondingly configuring the center as recited

in claims 1, 11 and 21.

Yanagawa shows: "The host computer 10 is provided with a ledger file 11 for managing customer data" (column 3 lines 55-56). Yanawaga also describes "when a transaction is sought by a particular customer, the host computer 10 refers to the customer management file 112 based on the computer code read by a credit card...and checks the credit balance management file...The host computer 10 updates the merchandise purchase management file..." (Column 5 lines 30-60), thereby describing the host computer as controlling all customer data and updating the customer information in the system when a request for a transaction is received and granted.

Chen states: "The server(s) serve application files (also called configuration sets) over the network(s) to one or more remote kiosks in order to configure and reconfigure the kiosks to perform various applications that are defined by the application files" (column 3, lines 13-20), thereby presenting a method in which the server configures the different kiosks.

In contrast, and as recited above, the present invention teaches the configuration builder configuring specific software-containing hardware units, and correspondingly configuring the server.

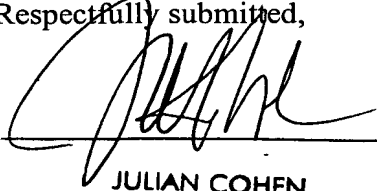
With reference to the above discussion, independent claims 1, 11 and 21 are deemed patentable over the prior art of record and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 2-10 depend directly or ultimately from claim 1 and recite additional patentable subject matter and therefore are deemed patentable. Claims 12-20 depend directly or ultimately from claim 11 and recite additional patentable subject matter and therefore are deemed patentable. Claims 22-30 depend directly or ultimately from claim 21 and recite additional patentable subject matter and therefore are deemed patentable.

Applicant has carefully studied the remaining prior art of record herein and concludes that the invention as described and claimed in the present application is neither shown in nor suggested by the cited art.

In view of the foregoing remarks, all of the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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